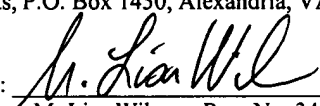


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Applicants respectfully request entry of this preliminary amendment in the above-identified patent application.